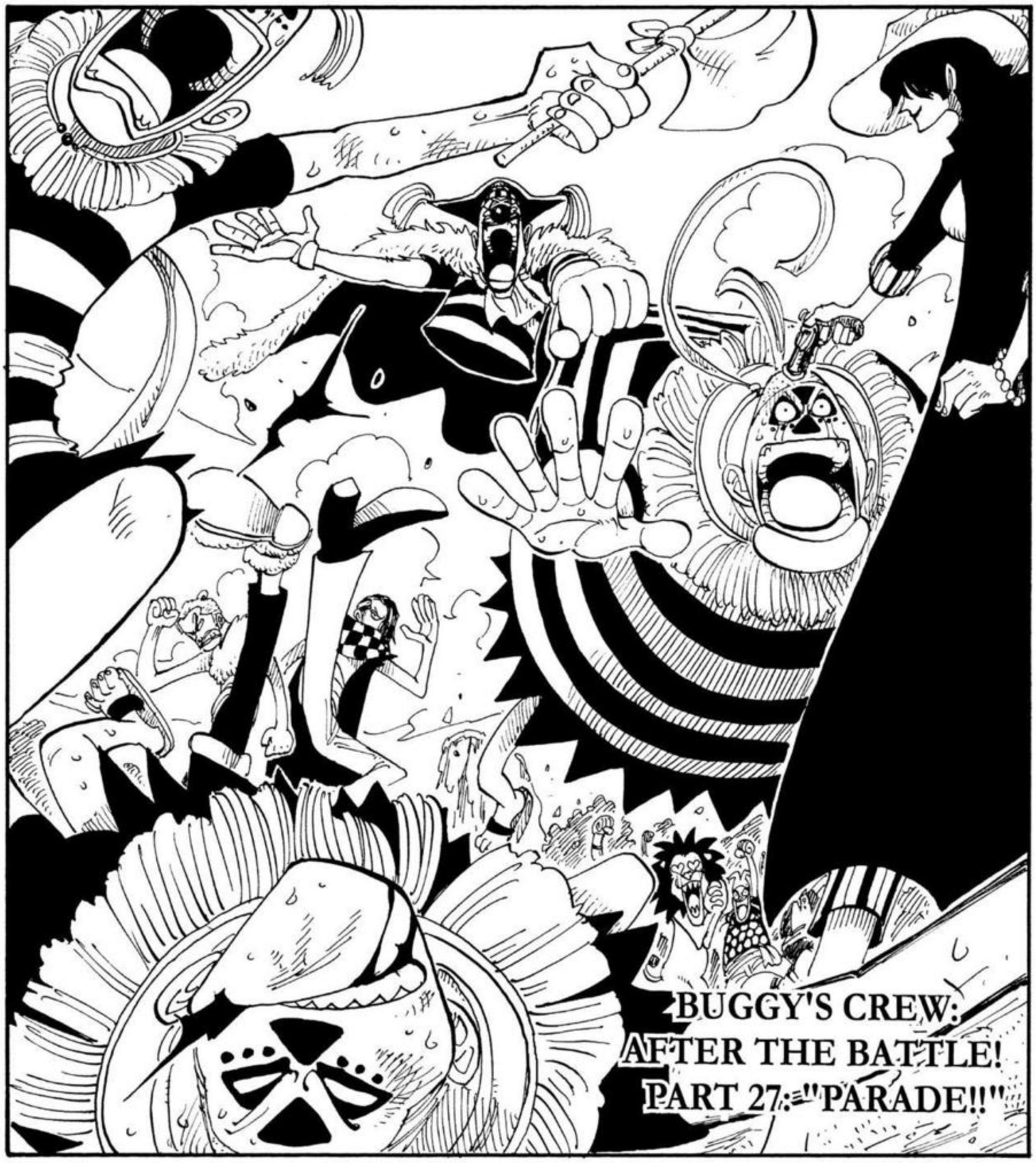
Chapter 74: BUSINESS



A REWARD THAT HUGE...

WOULD TEMPT ANY BOUNTY HUNTER.

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THE BOUNTY ON MY HEAD IS 20 MILLION BERRIES-- THE HIGHEST IN THE EAST BLUE.

THAT'S UNDER-HANDED... AND RUDE!

HE SLAUGHTERED MY MEN WHILE I WAS OUT!

SO WHERE IS RORONOA ZOLO HIDING!?

ohhhh

I DON'T KNOW! I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ZOLO!! HELP!!!

HE'LL COME HERE AND KILL YOU ALL!!!

ZOLO IS MY FRIEND! IF YOU TOUCH ME, YOU'LL BE SORRY!!

DO OM!!

IMPRESSIVE FLIP-FLOP.

YOU'RE BEYOND SAVING NOW ANY-WAY!

YOU'RE AFTER LORD ARLONG'S HEAD TOO!

SMEK ♡ DON'T LIE!

! WUMP!!

IN FACT, IF YOU KILL ME, ZOLO WILL NEVER COME HERE!!!

IF YOU KEEP ME ALIVE, **THEN** ZOLO WILL COME TO SAVE ME!!

HUH!? NO...NO!! YOU **SHOULDN'T** KILL ME!!

SO, IF I KILL YOU, ZOLO WILL COME HERE?

C'MON, NAMI!!! SAY SOME-THING!!!

Whimper

YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME, EH?

!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, NAMI? YOU'VE GONE PALE.

...THEY'LL KILL ME— TOO! NO WAY!!

IF I DON'T ALLAY THEIR SUSPICIONS...

YOU'RE A CRAFTY ONE.

I KNOW YOU TOO WELL.

...TO ACHIEVING MY GOAL !!!

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW ME? I WAS SO CLOSE...

...HE STILL BELIEVED IN YOU!!

LUFFY'S A FOOL!!! EVEN AFTER YOU FLED...

YOU ARE A WITCH WOMAN !!!

YOU DISGUST ME, NAMI!!

HOW COULD YOU DECEIVE A GUY LIKE THAT !!?

HE TRUSTS YOU COMPLETELY !!! EVEN NOW !!!

LUFFY WAS STUPID TO TRUST ME SO EASILY.

THE ONLY THING I BELIEVE IN IS MONEY.

SPLASH!!

!!

WOOOO!!

HAVE YOU NO HEART !!?

HUH!? LORD ARLONG, YOU'RE BACK!!

WELCOME HOME, SIR!!!

DO

M!!

HEY!!

WHAT'S ALL THE HUBBUB !?

DA-DOOM!

WHAT HAPPENED HERE !!?

IF YOU'D BEEN HERE, YOU MIGHT'VE STOPPED HIM.

THIS IS THE WORK OF ZOLO THE PIRATE HUNTER!! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, HACHI?

...WAS SOME SWORDS-MAN I DIDN'T KNOW.

NO. THE ONLY ONE I SAW...

THEN YOU DIDN'T SEE ZOLO?

I'D HAVE SCUPPERED THAT BLASTED PIRATE HUNTER!!!

OF COURSE!! I'D NEVER LET ANYONE KILL MY MATES!!

HACHI, YOU IDIOT !!!

DOOM

THAT WAS HIM !!!!

SO I TOOK HIM THERE!

BUT...HE SAID HE WAS LORD ARLONG'S GUEST!

I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE BACK SO SOON.

YOU *TOWED* HIM !!?

I TOWED HIM OVER TO COCO VILLAGE.

WHERE DID HE GO!?

IS ZOLO NUTS? HE'S GOT NO REASON TO TANGLE WITH THESE FREAKS!

'CAUSE HE'S LOOKING FOR ME!!

THEN THERE'S NO NEED TO LOOK FOR HIM.

HE'S ZOLO'S CREWMATE.

HE THINKS A MERE HUMAN CAN DEFY THE GLORIOUS FISH-MEN.

SO WHO'S THAT?

I'VE GOT TO GET THESE FOOLS OUT OF THE WAY.

WHO!

SWUP...!

YOU WANNA FIGHT !!?

SO!!!

NAMI!

.....

F.WU

OOF!!

MP!!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED ARLONG.

DOOM!!

YOU'RE IN THE WAY.

EVERYTHING WAS GOING SMOOTHLY, BUT YOU GUYS...

...ARE ABOUT TO RUIN EIGHT YEARS OF WORK.

IT WAS MY MISTAKE THAT BROUGHT YOU HERE.

BUT EVERY PLACE HAS ITS OWN RULES.

!!?

...TO ELIMINATE YOU.

SO I SHOULD BE THE ONE...

KILL HIM, NAMI!!!

HMM... SHE'S BECOME QUITE... PIRATICAL.

HA HA HA! DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!! EVEN I'M NOT SO SOFT THAT A LITTLE GIRL COULD TAKE ME OUT!!

ELIMINATE !!?

WIP !!

DEATH-BLOW !!!

THIS IS MY CHANCE !!

IF I DON'T MAKE A MOVE NOW, I'LL NEVER ESCAPE!!!

...HERE, I'M NOT THE NAMI YOU KNEW!!

BEWARE, USOPP ...

FWOOH!!!

!!!

SPROING!!

SMOKE STARS !!!

SO PREDICT-ABLE...

TMP TMP

SURROUND HIM! DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE !!

fss fss fss..

A SMOKE BOMB !!!

HUH?

!!?

JUST THE SORT OF THING YOU'D THINK OF.

OOOO~

I'LL MAKE MY ESCAPE ACROSS THE WATER !!!

SPLAP!..

THWACK!!

!!!

AGH... STOP !!

WOOSH!!

FWUMP!!

UGH !!!

...!!!

OH

UNK!!!

NAMI...

gasp

YOU...

gasp

plup

plup

N...

plip

plip

HUFF...

HUFF...

I HAD NO CHOICE.

IT'S BUSI-NESS.

FWUMP

DIE QUIETLY...

SHLUK

RAAAH

HMPH...

YOU'RE AN INDISPENSABLE PART OF ARLONG'S PIRATE CREW!!

HA HA HA HA HA!! EXCELLENT WORK, NAMI!!

RAAAAAAR

TH-THIS IS TERRI-BLE !!!

Shake Shake

AAAH!!! NO!!!

RAAAAAAA

.....!!

KILLED BY SISTER NAMI!! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING !!

Shake Shake...

BROTHER USOPP...

SPLASH

AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

THIS WAS WHAT YOU WANTED, WASN'T IT? TO DIE AT SEA?

THWAK!!

I JOINED THIS CREW FOR ONE REASON!

TEAM? I HAVE NO TEAM.

YOU'RE ON OUR TEAM.

I WAS WRONG TO DOUBT YOU, NAMI.

THIS IS JUST BUSI-NESS.

...AND BUY COCO VILLAGE BACK FROM YOU.

TO EARN 100 MILLION BERRIES...

SO I ALWAYS WONDERED WHY SOMEONE LIKE YOU WOULD BE SO INTERESTED IN A SHABBY LITTLE VILLAGE LIKE THAT ONE.

YOU BETRAYED YOUR FELLOW VILLAGERS. YOU BETRAYED YOUR FAMILY.

YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN ANYTHING BUT MONEY.

YOUR WHAT? YOU LOOK UPSET, NAMI.

EH? WHAT'S THAT?

!! THAT'S MY... !!!

!

FWUP...

THAT IS, UNTIL I FOUND *THIS* IN YOUR ROOM.

IT'S OF THIS ISLAND, AND THE X MARKS COCO VILLAGE !!!

THIS IS AN OLD TREASURE MAP!!!

READ THIS WAY

IT BELONGS TO NAMI.

GIVE IT BACK.

LET ME SEE THAT!!

HIDDEN TREASURE!! A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD!!

RAAAAAAAA

YOU WON'T GO BACK ON OUR DEAL, WILL YOU?

I'M SICK OF YOUR SUSPICIONS!! ALL I CARE ABOUT IS BUYING THAT VILLAGE!!

THIS IS MINE!!

YOU HAD NO RIGHT!!

SWUP!

THAT'S THE KIND OF FISH-MAN I AM!!

OF COURSE NOT. I'D SLIT MY BELLY BEFORE I'D BREAK A PROMISE.

plip

plip

LORD ARLONG...

TMp

THAT'S THE ARLONG I KNOW.

TMp...

SHE'S A SPLENDID WOMAN !!!

HAHAHAHA

HA HA HA HA HA!

SHE'S A STRANGE WOMAN...

...IS A WITCH !!!

NAMI... I'VE GOT TO TELL BROTHER ZOLO!!

shake shake shake

.....

YOUR KICK REALLY TOOK IT OUT OF HIM.

DON'T GIVE OUT YET, HIPPO!!

MOO.

SHAKE SHAKE

MOO.

HUFF HUFF

I CAN SEE ARLONG PARK !!!

DO

ON!

SPLASH

ARLONG PARK

SPLASH

WE'RE GONNA CRASH INTO THE SHORE !!!

IT'S THAT BUILDING!!

HEY!! TO THE LEFT!!!

HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?

KRAS!

AAAAGH !!!

AT THIS MOMENT.

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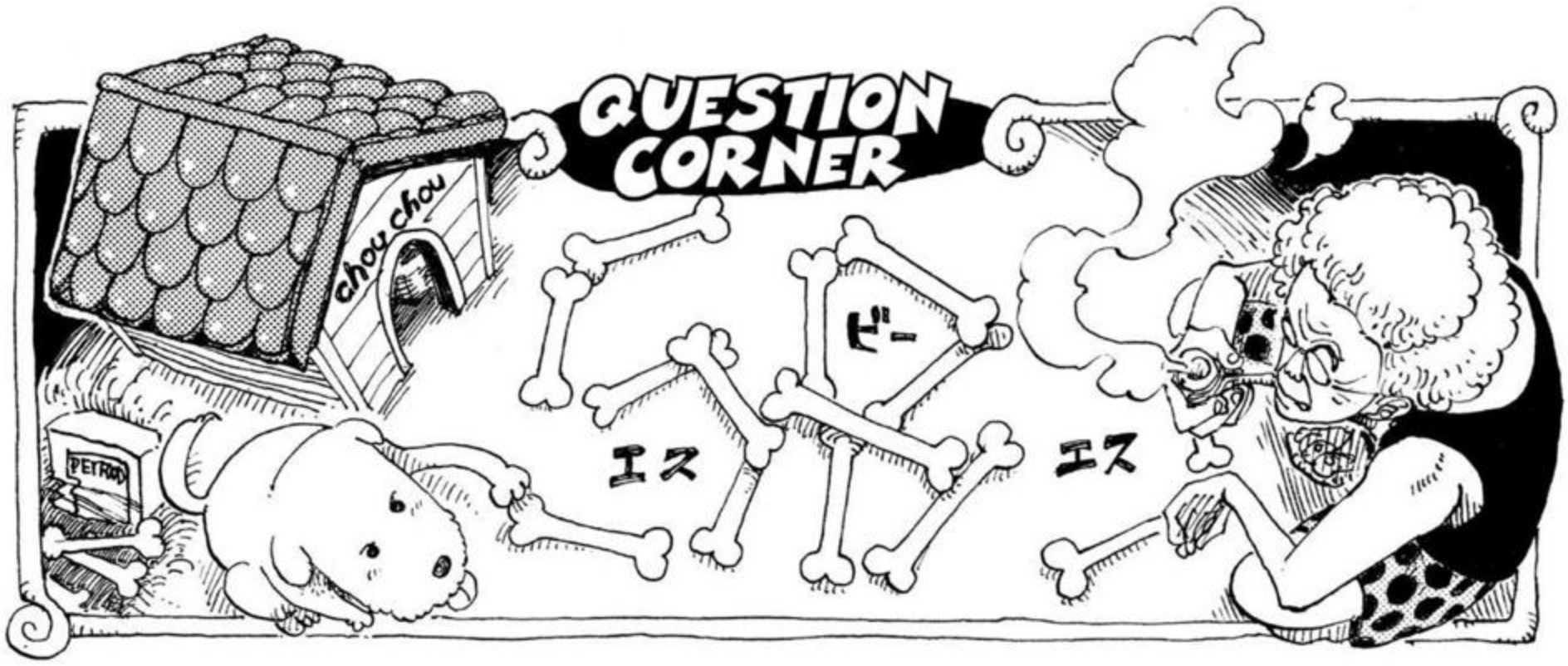
LUFFY
YOSAKU
SANJI



Q: **That's the kind of Sanji I like.**

A: What kind?

Q: Oda Sensei!! It's terrible!! My friend has caught the dreaded "I'll Die without a Snack" disease. What will cure it!? Hurry or he'll die!!

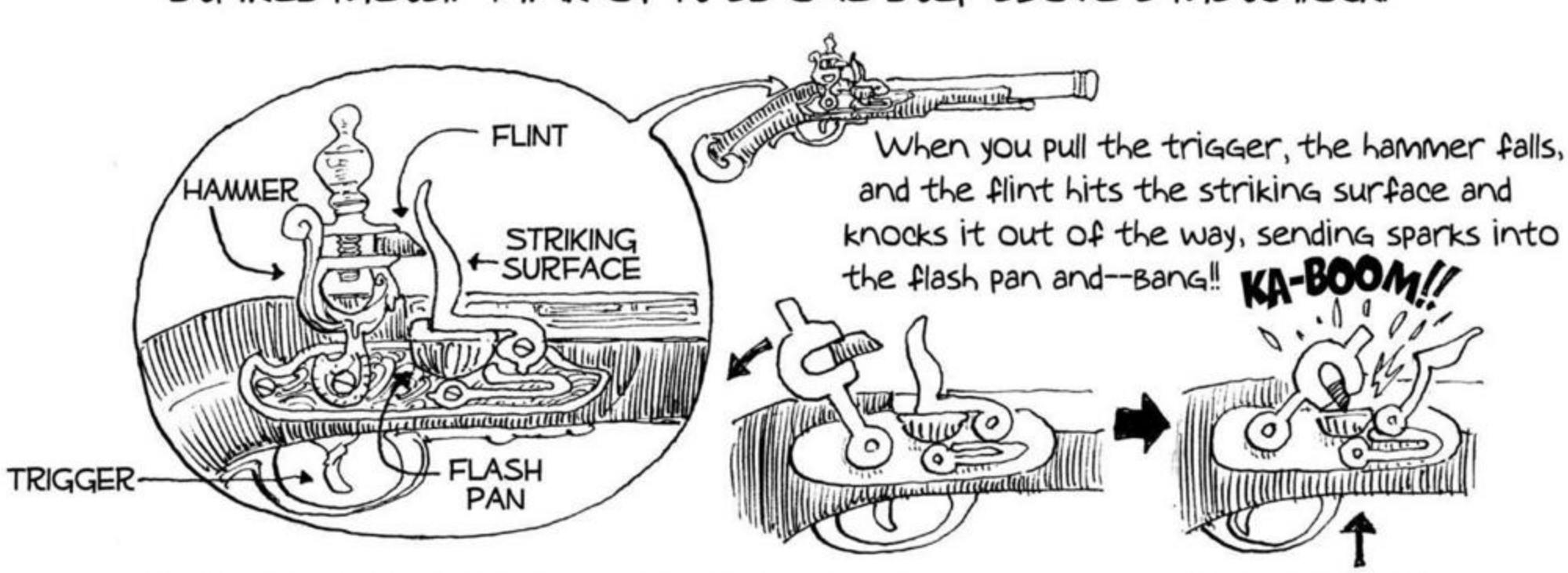
A: Don't panic!! Get a firm grip on yourself!! It'll be okay!! Keep your cool!! Calm down!! Good. Next question?

Q: How many fat-fats is Alvida's fatness?
Whizzzzz. Crack! Agh!

A: Oh please, get outta here.

Q: What do you call the pistols used in **One Piece**? They don't look like matchlocks.

A: They are flintlocks. Flint is a rock that makes a spark when it strikes metal. Think of it as one step above a matchlock.


FLINT
HAMMER
STRIKING SURFACE
TRIGGER
FLASH PAN
When you pull the trigger, the hammer falls, and the flint hits the striking surface and knocks it out of the way, sending sparks into the flash pan and--BANG!!
KA-BOOM!!
A flintlock had to be reloaded after every shot, so pirates sometimes carried 5 or 6 of them. However, in the world of One Piece some have been modified to fire repeatedly. Scary, huh?
Sparks ignite the gunpowder, and the bullet shoots off with a bang.